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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D. )  
)  
Serial No.: (Cont. of 08/484,927) ) (Group Art Unit: 3731)  
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Filed: July 27, 2000 ) (Examiner: U. Ho)  
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For: Apparatus and Method for )  
Inserting Spinal Implants )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING VIA U.S. EXPRESS MAIL**

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I hereby certify that:

1. Rule 1.53(b) Continuation Application Transmittal Form (in duplicate)
2. Copy of prior application as filed including Declaration and drawings
3. 24 sheets formal drawings (8.5 x 11 paper; Figs. 1-18)
4. new Revocation of Original Power of Attorney and Grant of New Power of Attorney
5. Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
6. Check in the amount of \$690.00 (filing fee)
7. Self-addressed stamped return postcard receipt

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Prior Application: Art Unit: 3731  
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SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/484,927 filed June 7, 1995 of Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D. for Apparatus And Method For Inserting Spinal Implants.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/484,927 as originally filed on June 7, 1995.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☒ Cancel Claims 2-106.
4. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$690	\$ 690.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	1	-	20	0	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	1	-	3	0	x \$78	0
[ ] Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$260	0
Subtotal						\$ 690.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 690.00

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17. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address & Reg. No.)

18. ☒ Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 08/484,927, filed June 7, 1995, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No.50-1068. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 27, 2000

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